the Government of Karnataka with regard to the release of 50 TMC water from the Almatti Dam to meet the urgent water requirements is Rayalaseema and Telangana areas in view of a crisis due to poor inflow of water into the two major reservoirs in Andhra Pradesh, Namely Nagarjuna Sagar and Srisailam;

(b) if so, the details of action proposed to be taken; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (c) The matter regarding release of water from the Almatti Dam to meet the urgent requirements in Andhra Pradesh was taken up with the Chief Minister of Karnataka through a letter from the Minister of Water Resources followed by telephonic request on 22 July, 2004. Karnataka has started releasing water from Almatti Dam since first week of August, 2004.

Amendment of Presidential Order on Tungabhadra Board

1463. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would amend the Presidential order constituting the Tungabhadra Board and to vest the Tungabhadra Board with the administrative control of the Rajalobanda Diversion Scheme (RDS)Anicut also;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (c) The Government of Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra and Karnataka have requested the Central Government to constitute a Tribunal to adjudicate the dispute on water allocation of Krishna Basin River. The Central Government has constituted the Krishna Water Disputes Tribunal (KWDT) and the complaints received from the States have been referred to KWDT for adjudication. As the matter is under the consideration of the Tribunal, there is no proposal for amending the Presidential Order constituting the Tungabhadra Board and to vest the Tungabhadra Board with the administrative control of Rajalobanda Diversion Scheme (RDS) Anicut.